

In the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska

Jennifer L.,

Appellant,

v.

Geoffrey G.,

Appellee.

Supreme Court No. **S-17698**

Order

Motion for Attorney's Fees - Reply
Requested

Date of Order: **June 18, 2021**

Trial Court Case No. **1WR-15-00001CI, 1WR-17-00036CI**

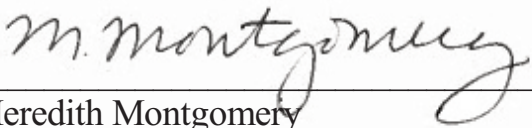
On May 19, 2021, following issuance of a memorandum opinion and order, the court issued an individual-justice order awarding “costs and full reasonable attorney’s fees” to Appellant Jennifer L. On June 1, as the order directed, Appellant filed a motion and supporting affidavit describing her attorney’s services on appeal. On June 8, Appellee Geoffrey G. filed an opposition to the motion, arguing that the award of full reasonable attorney’s fees is unjustified and will impose an unfair burden on him and his family; he asks that the award be reconsidered.

It is this court’s current policy and practice to award attorney’s fees to the prevailing party on appeal only if such an award is required by law, court rule, or contract; in most cases no attorney’s fees are awarded. The order awarding full reasonable attorney’s fees in this case appears to have been issued in error. Before the court decides whether the order should be reconsidered and vacated, it invites Appellant Jennifer L. to file a reply to Appellee’s opposition, focused on whether there is a basis for an attorney’s fees award as an exception to the court’s usual practice. The reply should be filed on or before **June 28, 2021**.

Entered at the direction of an individual justice.

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